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FINISH WORK ON INSTITUTE; MECHANIZE, EQUIP MINES

COMPLETE INSTITUTE FOR LIGHT METALS -- Zagreb, Borba, 13 Oct 51

Zagreb, 12 October -- Construction on the Institute for Light Metals, which was begun slightly more than a year ago, is being completed in October. The administration building containing several laboratories was completed some time ago; research is already in progress here.

The institute will be equipped with the most modern instruments and installations, some of which are to be imported and others to be manufactured in Yugoslavia. Two more buildings containing laboratories are to be completed soon.

Technicians in the new institute will have ample opportunities to develop research in aluminum and its alloys. Since Yugoslav bauxite contains about 53 percent aluminum, research into its properties will help future production considerably in the aluminum combines of Strnisce and Mostar.

CONVERT TWO FURNACES IN MERCURY MINE -- Zagreb, Borba, 18 Sep 51

Ljubljana, 17 September -- The mercury mine in Idrija is being more and more mechanized. Two obsolete coke- and wood-burning furnaces in the ore-smelting section have been converted into electric furnaces. Even when using low-quality ore, these furnaces produce more mercury at less cost. A third converted furnace is to begin operation soon.

During 1952, the smeltery is to be completely converted, and new separators are to be installed. By the end of 1951, the new "Delo" conveyer is to be put in operation in the new shaft. Because it will have twice the capacity of the old conveyor, a new machinery section is to be constructed. Three new accumulator [steam storage? battery?] locomotives, already available in the mines, are to replace the locomotives now used to haur ore.

Exploration for new mercury deposits is under way in the vicinity of Idrija.

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INSTALL EQUIPMENT IN NEW ASBESTOS MINE -- Zagreb, Borba, 20 Oct 51

Sveti Nikola, 19 October -- Installation of the first rotary kiln for roasting moist asbestos fiber and machinery for extracting asbestos fibers from the ore has begun in the new Bogoslovec Asbestos Mine in Sveti Nikola. The mine has already received all its other machinery, except some electrical equipment and motors which are to be delivered by the "Rade Koncar" Factory.

Installation is under the management of Slovenian assemblers. To speed up work in the mine, the management intends to bring in a group of assemblers from Skoplje.

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